

FASTC

Foreign Affairs Security Training Center



FASTC Fast Facts

- **Nation's largest training facility dedicated to security and safety overseas.**

Designed to meet the U.S. Department of State's growing and unique security training needs to mitigate the threats to the foreign affairs community internationally. Managed by the U.S. Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service (DSS), the law enforcement and security arm of the Department of State, FASTC is a comprehensive complex that allows DSS to conduct integrated hard skills and specialized training.

- **On 1,350 acres, FASTC consolidated 11 previous training sites into one facility.**

FASTC is co-located on the Virginia Army National Guard training facility in Blackstone, Virginia. Previously, DSS conducted hard-skills security training in 11 different sites across the United States.

- **Annual training projections include over 150 courses serving a diverse student population.**

FASTC was designed to provide training for an estimated 10,000 personnel annually. Students include DSS special agents, members of the U.S. Government foreign affairs community, and locally employed personnel from U.S. embassies and consulates around the world.

- **FASTC offers a broad-spectrum of security training.**

Courses address diverse skills including firearms, fire as a weapon, post-blast investigation, tactical driving, explosives countermeasures, threat mitigation tactics, security awareness, self-defense for overseas travel, and much more.

- **Location facilitates collaboration with training partners.**

The facility's proximity to Washington, D.C., provides FASTC personnel unique opportunities to collaborate with key partners in national security and national law enforcement organizations.

- **Employs nearly 500 staff and instructors.**

Provides jobs and economic opportunities for the residents of Nottoway County, and the surrounding counties.

- **17,000 sq. ft. vehicle maintenance facility with 14 vehicle bays.**

To support almost 700 training vehicles operating on over 19 miles of high-speed and off-road tracks.

FASTC Training Facilities Include:

- Mock embassy compound
- Urban tactical training complex
- Three high-speed driving tracks
- Off-road and improved tracks
- Explosives simulation lane
- Explosives range
- Live-fire shoot house
- 100-meter indoor/outdoor firing range
- Two 25-meter firing ranges
- Rappel tower
- Tactical maze
- 18 buildings including classrooms and office spaces